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Held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Tuesday, 17 January 1995, at 11 a.m.

Chairman: Mr. LARSEN (Denmark)

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The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (A/AC.96/840)

1. The provisional agenda (A/AC.96/840) was adopted.

APPROVAL OF DECISIONS BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATING TO THE GENERAL PROGRAMMES TARGET FOR 1995 (agenda item 1) (EC/1995/SC.2/CRP.6)

2. The CHAIRMAN said that, at its meeting on the previous day, the Subcommittee on Administrative and Financial Matters had considered document EC/1995/SC.2/CRP.6, which contained overall programme and funding projections for 1994 and 1995 and the revised 1995 general programmes target. As a result of changes in the refugee situation and the decline in the value of the United States dollar, it had become necessary to revise the target contained in that document. Accordingly, the Subcommittee had prepared the following draft decision:

"Draft decision on the 1995 General Programmes Target

The Executive Committee,

Having reviewed the information contained in the Overall Programme and Funding Projections for 1994 and 1995 and Revised 1995 General Programmes Target (EC/SC.2/1995/CRP.6),

Having taken note of the oral report on the work of the Subcommittee on Administrative and Financial Matters at its meeting on 16 January 1995,

Noting the increased requirements in a number of refugee situations, largely in Africa and the Middle East,

Recalling the need for UNHCR to respond to these situations in an expeditious and well-programmed manner,

Approves an increase in the 1995 General Programmes Target from $415,413,000, as approved by the forty-fifth session of the Executive Committee in October 1994, to a revised level of $428,732,500.

Notes that revised proposed estimates for 1995 under both General and Special Programmes amount to some $1,272,487,300."

3. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Executive Committee approved the draft decision.

4. It was so decided.

APPLICATION BY A GOVERNMENT OBSERVER DELEGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND INFORMAL SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (agenda item 2) (A/AC.96/XLV/CRP.4)

5. The CHAIRMAN recalled that, in accordance with a decision taken by the Executive Committee in 1988, meetings of the Subcommittees and informal meetings of the Executive Committee had been opened to participation by Government delegations which submitted formal applications for approval by the plenary. The application by the Government of Malaysia had been received too late for it to be considered at the October 1994 session of the Executive Committee. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Executive Committee approved the application by the Government of Malaysia.

6. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 11.05 a.m.